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"Let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God" (DOC. & COV. 121: 45).

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THE NINETY-FOURTH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THE Ninety-fourth semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened in the Tabernacle Friday, October 5th, the opening session at 10 a.m.

The great auditorium filled rapidly before the hour arrived. Throngs wended their way from the gates to the various entrances of the Tabernacle where all were directed by ushers to their proper places.

The general authorities were seated in their usual order on the pulpit tiers; the usual places were reserved for patriarchs, high priests, stake presidents, and bishops and the officers of the general boards of auxiliary organizations.

Of the general authorities there were present President Heber J. Grant, President Charles W. Penrose, President Anthony W. Ivins, the First Presidency; President Rudger Clawson, Elders Reed Smoot, George Albert Smith, George F. Richards, Joseph Fielding Smith, James E. Talmage, Stephen L. Richards, Richard R. Lyman, Melvin J. Ballard and John A. Widtsoe, of the Council of the Twelve; Presiding Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith; Elders Seymour B. Young, Brigham H. Roberts, J. Golden Kimball, Rulon S. Wells, Joseph W. McMurrin and Charles H. Hart, of the First Council of Seventies; Presiding Bishop Charles W. Nibley and his counselors, David A. Smith and John Wells. This accounts for all save Elder Orson F. Whitney, who was ill; Elder David O. McKay, who is presiding over the European mission, and Elder Levi Edgar Young, who was detained on the opening day by duties at the University of Utah, where he is a member of the faculty.

The opening song, announced by President Grant, presiding, was, "We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet." The opening

prayer was by President John Ephraim Magleby of the South Sevier stake. The singing was congregational, with Professor A. C. Lund conducting, and Professor J. J. McClellan at the organ console.

President Grant expressed pleasure at the unusually large attendance to the opening session. He called attention to the fact that the season had been prosperous, that a better condition existed than did two years ago, and for all of which he said the Saints should be thankful to the Lord. Above all, he said, he desired to see the Saints serve the Lord, in prosperity as well as in adversity. He referred to the visit since the last conference of President Warren G. Harding, who spoke from the tabernacle stand, and who had since been called to his final reward. He rejoiced, he said, that President Harding had the opportunity of meeting the people of Utah, and he related what the President had said to him: That he had had his good opinion of the people of Utah greatly enhanced by his visit among them.

President Grant said he was thankful that the great office of President of the United States had fallen upon a man so fitted and qualified as he believed Calvin Coolidge to be, and he expressed the prayer that God would bless President Coolidge in his high calling.

Pesident Grant referred to the near completion of a Latter-day Saints' hospital in Idaho Falls. He referred at length to the recent dedication of the Alberta temple in Cardston, the first ever erected by the Latter-day Saints outside the confines and possessions of the United States. He reported the cost of the temple to be $781,479.90. He told of the wonderful spirit that was manifest at all the sessions of the dedicatory services, and said it was the same sweet influence from the Lord that has been present on every occasion when a temple to the Lord has been dedicated in this dispensation, at several of which he has been present. He told of extraordinary meetings of elders he has attended in mission fields, where there was a rich outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord.

President Grant referred at length to the recent conference at Palmyra, N. Y., in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the revealed existence of the Book of Mormon. He told of his gratitude to Elder B. H. Roberts, president of the Eastern States mission, for arranging such an event, and told of his regret that President Robert's health had prevented his attendance at all of the sessions of that remarkable conference, but thankful he was that the originator of the program had been able to attend some of the sessions. He spoke of his gratitude that the sacred grove where the Father and the Son communed with Joseph Smith had been preserved and he testified of the sweet influence that was present there when the Elders recently held a session of the conference within the grove.

President Grant spoke at some length on the significance of the

event that occurred one hundred years ago when the Lord sent His messenger, the Angel Moroni, to reveal to Joseph the existence of the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated. He referred to the progress of the work on the temple at Mesa, Arizona, saying, it is hoped the corner stone can be laid within the next month and work steadily prosecuted until the structure shall be completed. He commended the Mutual Improvement associations for their slogan: "We stand for spiritual growth among the Latter-day Saints through family and secret prayer."

President Grant said no person ever lost faith who habitually prays and he hoped the sentiment expressed in the slogan will be carried out.

President Grant then launched on to a discourse on the Word of Wisdom. He said if any person had a personal letter from the late President Harding he or she would prize it highly; and yet the Word of Wisdom is a personal letter from God to the Latter-day Saints, given through the Prophet Joseph Smith. He read the revelation on the Word of Wisdom, commenting as he read, and exhorting the Saints to heed the admonition contained therein, and calling attention to the promises the Lord makes to His Saints if they will obey his precepts.

He stressed the observance of the Word of Wisdom, and sounded it as an earnest exhortation to the Latter-day Saints. He cited authorities of learning which corroborate the truths contained in the Word of Wisdom, and laid great emphasis upon its observance.

President Grant expressed his great gratitude for the truths revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith, for the faithfulness of the prophet and of his successors, and expressed the prayer that he, as God's chosen leader of this people, may have the strength from on high to guide the people aright.

He read an excerpt from the dedicatory prayer at Cardston which exhorted the Saints to be faithful and asked the blessings of the Lord upon them.

The congregation sang: "The Spirit of God like a Fire is Burning."

President Charles W. Penrose was the speaker after President Grant. He said he had thought of the hymn, "What More Can He Say Than to You He Has Said?" He bore testimony that all President Grant had said was evidence that the Lord was with the leader of His people to-day as he had been since the organization of the Church.

He spoke of his knowledge and acquaintance with leaders of the Church in the past and said he knew their inmost lives and knew them to be men of God, with God's spirit accompanying them. He was thankful above all things, President Penrose said, for being able to be present at another conference. He knew, he said, the Lord was with this people, as He had been in the past, and will continue to be in the future if they will obey His word.

President Penrose referred to the erecting of the Alberta temple, on English soil, as evidence of what the Lord would do for His people—temples would not be confined to Zion, even though Zion be the whole of America; temples would be built wherever the Lord saw fit, in the north and south, the east and west, for the consummation of this great work, and that day is not far off, President Penrose said, as the Lord measures time.

President Penrose exhorted the Saints to cleave to the faith, to put forth their every effort toward doing the will of the Lord. He would not say one word, he said, against organizations in the world that have worthy aims, such as charity, literature, research, etc., but the members of the Church would have plenty to do within its own organizations and activities and it was a good thing not to be tangled up with other organizations.

That which those may do or say who are opposed to the work of the Lord would be turned to the benefit of His cause, President Penrose said; all the schemes and plans concocted against the Lord's people would be shown to be so ridiculous that the effect would be for the good of the cause. He admonished the Saints not to worry over what they heard against the leaders of the Church, that God would overrule all things toward the consummation of His work.

President Penrose told of his gratitude for God's manifestation to the Prophet Joseph Smith; that God sent His messenger, the Angel Moroni, to reveal the existence of the Book of Mormon; for all the truths that had been revealed. Often persons caviled over technicalities; one class was in disputation as to whether it was Mormon or Moroni who sealed and hid up the plates of the Book of Mormon. They submitted the question, and the answer was: "You have been singing for many years, 'sealed by Moroni's hand, it has for ages lain,'" but how seldom the people thought of what they sang. Little difference, after all, it made who sealed and hid the plates, although accuracy of fact and information was essential, said President Penrose. The important thing was to know the essential truths and to live up to the light the Lord had given. He concluded with a prayer for the cause of the Lord and a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel.

Stake Presidents Charles E. Rowan, Jr., of Garfield, Joseph J. Larkin of Curlew, and Mark Austin of Fremont, each expressed joy at hearing from the President of the Church.

President Grant said he had omitted to report that the Church now owns a part of the Hill Cumorah. A farm of some ninety odd acres had recently been purchased, which embraces the west slope of the hill about one-third of the distance to the summit.

The closing song was, "O Say, What is Truth?" and the closing prayer was offered by President Albert Choules of the Teton stake.

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DEDICATORY PRAYER.

(*Concluded from page 676*).

WE thank thee, O God, that thy Son, our Redeemer, after having been crucified and having laid down his life for the sins of the world, did open the prison doors and proclaim the Gospel of repentance unto those who had been disobedient in the days of Noah, and that he subsequently came to the land of America, where he established his Church and chose disciples to guide the same.

We thank thee for restoring again to the earth the ordinances of the Gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ, whereby men and women can be, in very deed, saviors upon Mount Zion, and where they can enter into thy holy temples and perform the ordinances necessary for the salvation of those who have died without a knowledge of the Gospel.

We thank thee, O Father, above all things, for the Gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ, and for the Priesthood of the living God, and that we have been made partakers of the same, and have an abiding knowledge of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged.

We thank thee for the words of thy Son Jesus Christ to the Prophet Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon: "This is the Gospel, the glad tidings which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us, that he came into the world, even Jesus, to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify the world, and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness, that through him all might be saved whom the Father had put into his power and made by him, who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands."

We thank thee, O Father, that thou didst send thy Son Jesus Christ, to visit thy servants Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirtland temple, the first temple erected by thy people in this last dispensation. We thank thee for the words of our Redeemer spoken in that temple:

"I am the first and the last; I am he who liveth, I am he who was slain; I am your advocate with the Father, Behold, your sins are forgiven you; you are clean before me; therefore, lift up your heads and rejoice. Let the hearts of your brethren rejoice, and let the hearts of all my people rejoice, who have, with their might, built this house, For behold, I have accepted this house, and my name shall ever be here; and I will manifest myself to my people in mercy in this house."

We thank thee, O God, that by the testimony of thy Holy Spirit thou hast manifested thine acceptance of the several temples that have been erected from the day of Kirtland until this present time.

We also thank thee for sending thy servants, Moses, and Elias,

and Elijah, to the Kirtland temple, to confer upon thy servants, Joseph and Oliver, the keys of every dispensation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ from the days of Father Adam down to the present dispensation, which is the dispensation of the fulness of times.

We thank thee that, through the visitation of Elijah the prophecy of thy servant Malachi—that the hearts of the fathers should be turned to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest the earth be smitten with a curse—has been fulfilled in our day, and that our hearts in very deed go out to our fathers; and we rejoice beyond our ability to express that we can, through the ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, become saviors of our ancestors.

We thank thee, O God, with all our hearts for the testimony of thy servants Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon: "And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: that he lives! For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—that by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God."

We thank thee, O Father, for the knowledge which we possess, that thou dost live, and that thy Son Jesus Christ is our Redeemer, and our Savior, and that thy servant, Joseph Smith, Jr., was and is a prophet of the true and living God. And, O Father, may we ever be true and faithful to the Gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ, revealed through thy servant Joseph.

We beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wilt stay the hand of the destroyer among the descendants of Lehi who reside in this land, and give unto them increasing virility and more abundant health, that they may not perish as a people, but that from this time forth they may increase in numbers and in strength and in influence, that all the great and glorious promises made concerning the descendants of Lehi, may be fulfilled in them: that they may grow in vigor of body and of mind, and above all in love for thee and thy Son, and increase in diligence and in faithfulness in keeping the commandments which have come to them through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that many of them may yet have the privilege of entering this holy house and receiving ordinances for themselves and their departed ancestors.

We pray thee, O Father, to bless this land that it may be fruitful, that it may yield abundantly, and that all who dwell hereon may be prospered in righteousness.

Bless thy people in all parts of the world. Continue to remember thy Saints in the valleys of the mountains, whereunto they were led by thy divine guidance, and where the greatest of all temples in this dispensation has been erected, and where thou

hast blessed and prospered thy people even beyond all that could have been expected.

We especially pray thee, O Father in heaven, to bless the youth of thy people in Zion and in all the world. Shield them from the adversary and from wicked and designing men. Keep the youth of thy people, O Father, in the straight and narrow path that leads to thee, preserve them from the pitfalls and snares that are laid for their feet. O Father, may our children grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ. Give unto them a testimony of the divinity of this work as thou hast given it unto us, and preserve them in purity and in the truth.

We now thank thee, O God, our Eternal Father, for this beautiful temple and the ground upon which it stands, and we dedicate the building, with its grounds, with all its furnishings and fittings, and everything pertaining thereunto, from the foundation to the roof thereof, to thee, our Father and our God. And we humbly pray thee, O God, our Eternal Father, to accept of it and to sanctify it, and to consecrate it through thy spirit to the holy purposes for which it has been erected.

We beseech thee to enable us so to guard this house that no unclean thing shall enter here. May thy Spirit ever dwell in this holy house and rest upon all who shall labor as officers and workers herein, as well as upon all who shall come here to perform ordinances for the living or for the dead.

May thy peace ever abide in this holy building, that all who come here may partake of the spirit of peace, and of the sweet and heavenly influence that thy Saints have experienced in other temples. Protect this building from the powers and elements of destruction.

May all who come upon the grounds which surround this temple, whether members of the Church of Christ or not, feel the sweet and peaceful influence of this blessed and hallowed spot.

O God, our Heavenly and Eternal Father, sanctify the words which we have spoken, and accept of the dedication of this house, and these grounds, which we have dedicated unto thee by virtue of the Priesthood of the Living God which we hold, and we most earnestly pray that this sacred building may be a place in which thy Son may see fit to manifest himself and to instruct thy servants, and in which thou shalt delight to dwell.

All this we ask and do in the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of thine Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen and Amen.

THERE is power in the direct glance of a sincere and loving human soul, which will do more to dissipate prejudice and kindle charity than the most elaborate arguments.—GEORGE ELIOT.

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EDITORIAL:

TEACHING BY EXAMPLE.

THE following editorial was addressed to Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who were laboring as missionaries in Great Britain in the year 1866. It contains so many excellent suggestions on the power of example that we herewith reproduce it in full. It was written by Elder Orson Pratt, member of the Council of Twelve Apostles:

"Example carries with it an influence much more forcible than precept. He who would persuade others to do right, should do right himself. It is not enough to preach reformation, and look for others to practice it, while our own conduct remains unreformed. It is true, he who practices good precepts, because they are good, and does not suffer himself to be influenced by the unrighteous conduct of the preacher, will be more abundantly rewarded; while the preacher who says, and does not, will be more abundantly condemned. He who knoweth the Master's will, and teacheth the same to others, but refuseth to obey it himself has no excuse, and will, if he repent not, be beaten with many stripes. His good precepts may have, for the moment, a salutary effect upon the Saints; but when they discover that he sets at naught his own teachings, the weak among them are led to follow the same pernicious example. If a missionary teach virtue, he should also practice it. If he teaches the Saints to put away all light-mindedness, and excessive laughter, he should do the same. If he exhort them to refrain from the use of strong drinks, he should set them the example of total abstinence. If he testify against all fleshly lusts and unholy desires, let him deny himself of all these things. And finally, every good and holy precept which he teaches the Saints to observe, that he also should be careful to observe. He should be without fault and blameless before all men, so that in the great judgment, both his precepts and examples may loudly testify against all transgressors thereof.

"Mankind are prone to imitate those in whom they place confidence: the greater the confidence, the more readily they are influenced for good or for evil. If an Elder is circumspect and refined in his communications, both in public and in private—if his conversation is unassuming, modest, and prompted by the

earnest desires of a pure heart—if his deportment is chaste, virtuous, and influenced only by the purest motives, the same holy principles, and purity of conduct, will be gradually diffused through the Conference or District where he travels or presides. Every good Saint will respect genuine goodness, wherever it is seen, and will try to imitate all good examples.

"On the other hand, it matters not how great the abilities or talents of an Elder may be, if he so far forget the holy covenants into which he has entered, as to violate the word of God, and his own teachings, by entering into a vulgar, low species of joking with those of the opposite sex, saying many things which he does not mean, for the sake of appearing shrewd or of ready wit—if he by a word, a look, or an act, weaken the holy restraints of virtue, by which he is guarded—if his conversation, instead of dwelling on wholesome sound instruction, mostly runs upon some anecdotes—upon something to excite laughter—upon something that will naturally infuse into the whole company, a spirit of levity, calculated to drive away the heavenly peaceable spirit of the Gospel, and to excite a looseness of conversation, improper to be indulged in, among brethren and sisters of the household of faith—if such be his deportment, how deleterious is his example! How quickly will such a spirit spread, until nearly the whole lump is leavened! Of such, it may with propriety be said, As is the Presiding or Traveling Elder, so are the members (many of them, if not all).

"It would be well for the missionaries often to call to their minds the nature and sacredness of their holy endowments. Remember how strict were your covenants to do right! How binding they are upon you! If you desire the promised blessings, fulfil on your part, and the Lord will never fail on His part. God has entrusted you, for the time being, with a sacred watch-care over His people in these lands: you have, in some measure, the forming and fashioning of their society; the influence that you impart will be felt for years to come. Let it then be a savory influence; one that you will regard with pleasure when you return home; one that will justify you in the judgment day. When God said, 'Cease from all your light speeches; from all laughter; from all your lustful desires; from all your pride, and light-mindedness, and from all your wicked doings,' he meant what He said: and the transgression of all, or any of these sayings, brings condemnation and darkness of mind; and barrenness of understanding is the result. Again, when God said, 'Let the solemnities of eternity rest upon your minds,' He did not mean that you should inspire all in your company with a spirit of levity, or with a looseness of joking, calculated to tinge the face of the virtuous with shame: remember that these are the first steps to actual transgression: virtue is not generally overcome suddenly, but by degrees: each successive step removes, almost insensibly, the sacred guards which protect

ns in the way of life. Let every one be upon his watch-tower, and fortify with double strength the weak places in his fallen nature, lest, in an unguarded moment, he be assailed by an enemy stronger than he, and be overcome, and fall, and his glory, and honor, and priesthood, and crown, be passed to another, and his name be known no more on the records of the righteous.

"It is a fearful thing to tamper with sin; to see how near we can approach the fatal cataract, without taking the death-plunge. A great variety of forbidden fruits are before us; they appear lovely and very desirable; but unlawfully partaking thereof is death. Seek then to save yourselves and others; and instead of weakening virtue, strengthen it, both in yourselves and others: thus you will wax strong in the spirit, and the power of Israel's God will be with you, and your ministrations will be attended with blessings and not cursings; and your influence will extend to thousands who, with their generations will bless you forever."

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MINUTES OF THE WELSH CONFERENCE.

THE Welsh semi-annual conference convened Sunday, the 21st ult., at Cardiff, South Wales, with President David O. McKay, Sister Emma Ray McKay and Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck from the Liverpool office, President John E. Wahlquist and Elder E. W. Southwick from the Bristol conference, Elder Edwin O. Stenquist from the Irish conference and President John W. Crofts and all the traveling Elders of the Welsh conference in attendance.

The Sunday-school session commenced at 10:30 a.m. by the congregation singing "Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning," and the invocation spoken by Elder F. Barr Sheets. The sacramental hymn, "Reverently and Meekly Now," was sung, after which the sacrament was administered by Elders Albert Biggs and R. C. Thomas assisted by Deacon Thomas Biggs.

President Crofts extended a hearty welcome to all present.

A program followed. Twylm Rogers, of Mountain Ash, gave a recitation; The Abercarn branch quartet and Miss Lilly Evans sang, "We Are Marching to Zion;" Brother Albert Biggs gave an essay on Joseph Smith's first vision; the Varteg branch girls' quartet sang, "God Bless Our Mountain Home."

Elder Joseph A. Orgill, the first speaker, told of the necessity of Sunday-schools and how they give the children that which is needed to make real men and women.

Elder F. Barr Sheets related a story showing the children how important it is to pray.

President McKay said he was a great believer in the importance

of small things. Quoting Matthew 19: 16-21, he explained, how the Savior judged men's characters by the little things they said and did. Then by telling of the incidents connected with James' martyrdom, and how his manly bearing converted his guard, he illustrated it is the small deeds that count. To have good thoughts is to do good deeds. To be a member of the Church in the days of Christ was just as hard as it is to be a member of the Church now. The little branches in Wales can be just as important as the small branches at the time of Paul. By relating a dream of the previous night, the speaker showed that all must work in co-operation if the goal is to be reached.

The session adjourned by the congregation singing, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning." Benediction was pronounced by Elder Lewis F. Hansen.

Immediately following the morning session, Sister McKay met with the members of the Relief Society and presented many helpful suggestions and instructions.

The afternoon session commenced with the assembly singing, "How Firm a Foundation." President Wahlquist offered invocation. Continued by singing, "Now Let Us Rejoice."

The general, mission, and conference authorities were unanimously sustained.

Brother William Day, of Cardiff, who leaves shortly for Utah, expressed deep gratitude that the Lord had opened the way for his family to go forth. He thanked all his friends for their kindnesses towards him.

Elder A. Lewis Elggren took as his subject, "The Fundamentals of Prosperity," and explained how vision, industry, honesty and co-operation are of vital importance.

Elder Joseph M. Skeen showed the necessity of prayer. He told of the blessings the Church had received in this dispensation through prayer.

Elder Ralph C. Jones expressed his happiness at being in the the mission-field. He related some experiences showing the efficacy of the Word of Wisdom.

The congregation sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet."

Elder Edwin O. Stenquist related some interesting experiences had while laboring in Ireland. He showed how the Saints were being blessed because of their faithfulness.

Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck told of the difficulties in obtaining a true understanding of a testimony. By fitting illustrations he showed its power for good when once understood.

The session adjourned by the congregation singing, "Come, Come, Ye Saints," and prayer by Elder Ralph C. Jones.

President McKay met the officers and teachers in a special meeting, where pointed advice and timely instructions were given. The aim of the mission for 1924 was presented and unanimously accepted.

The evening session commenced at 6:30 p.m. by the assembly singing, "Praise to the Man." Elder Joseph M. Skeen offered prayer. The congregation sang, "High on the Mountain Top."

Elder Lewis F. Hansen spoke on "Revelation," and showed that effort was necessary to put man in tune to receive this communication from on high.

Elder E. W. Southwick gave a discourse on the "Second Coming of Christ."

President John E. Wahlquist said the Church as it now stands is the most complete and wonderful organization existing. He pointed out the blessings derived from living the Gospel as we know it.

President McKay delivered a spirited discourse answering the three objections which the world holds against the Church. It is charged that the Latter-day Saints are literalists; that they take the Bible too literally; that they do not spiritualize the teachings of Christ. President McKay answered, "Yes, we are literalists; we can not put any other interpretation upon the Scriptures than that which is implied by the text; we accept Jesus Christ literally as the Son of God; he was a great teacher, yes, but greater than that he was literally the Son of God as the Scriptures plainly state he was." Quoting John 3:5, he said it was meant to be taken literally; the Latter-day Saints accept baptism literally, as necessary for salvation. They can not conceive of Christ, the Son of God, teaching, much less submitting to an ordinance that was not absolutely true and essential. The Latter-day Saints are literalists in deeds, as well as in belief. They do not spiritualize away the true and proper meaning of Holy Writ. Again, it is charged they have secrets and secret orders; that their temples are sanctuaries for secret ceremonies. The speaker showed the Latter-day Saints have no secrets; their temples are not secret, but sacred. Anyone may enjoy these sacred ordinances, provided he fulfills the laws pertaining thereto. Lastly, the world holds the Latter-day Saints are followers of Joseph Smith. They are in so far as he follows Christ; they follow Joseph Smith as they follow Peter, James and John and other apostles. Joseph Smith was an instrument in God's hand in restoring the Gospel and the Latter-day Saints recognize him as such. He was a prophet of God, and his prophecies are going into fulfillment. The speaker experienced the beginning of the fulfillment of one of the prophecies which Joseph Smith translated from the plates, and which is recorded in the Book of Mormon, when in Jerusalem. There he saw the Gentile nation of Great Britain preparing the way for the return of the Jews to the land of their fathers.

In conclusion, President McKay commented upon the beautiful display of flowers which banked the stand. They had gone a long way in helping towards the success of the conference, he said.

President John W. Crofts thanked those who had taken part and had contribnted to the success of the meetings. He appealed for continued support for the coming year.

The conference closed by the congregation singing, "Lord, We Ask Thee, Ere We Part." Benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph A. Orgill.

LEWIS F. HANSEN, Conference Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Baptisms.—On the 21st nlt., a baptismal service was held by the Birmingham branch (Birmingham conference). Four candidates were baptized by President Francis R. Kirkham and confirmed by Elders J. Trevor Buddell, Thomas Griffiths and Joseph E. Tillotson and President Kirkham.

Releases and Departures.—The following missionaries, honorably released from their labors in the British mission, sailed for home Tuesday, the 23rd ult., per s.s. *Montlaurier*:

Elder Clarence L. Giles, President Sheffield conference.

Elder Thomas G. Finch, Liverpool conference.

Likewise, the following sailed for home, Thursday, the 25th nlt., per s.s. *Montclare*:

Elder Francis L. Dent, Norwich conference.

Elder James Brindley, Bristol and Birmingham conferences.

Arrivals and Appointments.—The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool Friday, the 26th ult., per s.s. *Montcalm*: For the Netherlands mission: Perris S. Jensen of Salt Lake City, Utah. For the Swiss and German mission: Lafayette H. Ross, Kenneth E. Lambonrne and Robert C. Sloan, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Milford S. Herzog and Charles Bauman of Geneva, Idaho. For the South African mission: Miles P. Romney, Salt Lake City, Utah. For the British mission: Lester D. Hovey, Salt Lake City, Utah, assigned to the Birmingham conference, Wendell R. Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah, assigned to the Bristol conference, and Samnel P. Martin, Ogden, Utah, assigned to the Hull conference.

Socials.—Wednesday, September 19th, a farewell social was held at Norwich (Norwich conference) in honor of Brother Alfred Bnrrell, Jr., who is leaving for Utah. A very delightful program was rendered and Brother Burrell was presented with a leather suit case. The entertainment was under the direction of Brother James Hook.

Wednesday, September 19th, a farewell social was held in honor of William F. Bushell of the Hull branch (Hull conference) who is leaving Hull after twenty-two years' labor in the Church to make

his home in Provo, Utah. He was presented with a token of remembrance by the members of the branch.

The Glasgow Autumn Bank Holiday was appropriately observed by the Glasgow Saints in a delightful outing held in the country near Bishopbriggs. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent in games and sports. The sisters prepared a tasty luncheon.

A farewell reception for Elder Ralph A. Bailey was held in the Oldham branch hall (Manchester conference) September 28th. Members of the branch rendered an enjoyable program. Elder Bailey was tendered an appropriate gift as a token of remembrance from the conference. A large number of saints and friends, besides the traveling elders of the conference were present.

Branch Conferences.—Sunday, September 30th, the Derby branch (Nottingham conference) held a successful branch conference. The Sunday-school rendered the program at the morning session. In attendance were Presidents Joseph H. Valentine and Selvoy J. Boyer, Elders William M. Oswald, Ernest H. Capel and Kenneth Schade, and a large number of saints and investigators.

A conference was held by the Oldham branch (Manchester conference) Sunday, September 30th, under the direction of President Merrill D. Clayson. The first session commenced at 2:30 p.m. and was conducted by Superintendent Frank Mellor. An excellent program was rendered by the children, after which Elder William Blackburn and President Clayson spoke. Branch President Ralph A. Bailey, Elder Blackburn and President Clayson were the speakers of the evening session.

A very enjoyable branch conference was held at Carlisle (Newcastle conference) Sunday, September 30th. The Sunday-school session held at 2:30 p.m. consisted of a program portraying the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, and an address from President E. T. Benson. The evening session convened at 6:30 p.m. Gospel discourses were delivered by President Benson, and Elders Joseph J. Brown and James L. Wheat. "If There's Sunshine in Your Heart" was pleasingly rendered by Sister Mary Weightman. A most excellent spirit prevailed at both sessions.

The Sittingbourne branch (London conference) held its fall conference Sunday, September 30th. Elder Emerson C. Willey from London was present. Members of the Sunday-school presented a program in a pleasing manner; reports on the progress of the Sunday-school were given by Branch President Thomas W. Mount and Superintendent Joseph Steers. In the evening session Elder Willey addressed the Saints.

The annual fall conference of the Gravesend branch (London conference) was held Sunday, September 30th. President Joseph E. Wright, in the Sunday-school session, offered pointed suggestions relative to the work of the Sunday-school and the duty of Saints in supporting that organization. In the evening session, Branch

President Arthur Gear gave a report of conditions in the branch. President Wright spoke exhorting the Saints to be diligent and faithful in all of their activities.

The South London branch (London Conference) held its annual fall conference Sunday, the 7th ult. There were in attendance, in addition to officers and members of the branch, President Joseph E. Wright, Sister Katherine G. Wright, and Elders Emerson C. Willey and Jesse R. Peterson. In the Sunday-school session, conducted by Superintendent Samuel G. Frost, a program was rendered by the children. President Wright appealed to all members of the branch to support the Sunday-school organization. Sister Wright related a story illustrative of the wholesome influence of a mother upon her children. The evening session was conducted by Branch President James E. Brindley. President Wright and Elders Willey and Peterson delivered discourses upon different phases of the Gospel.

An inspirational and successful conference was held in the West Hartlepool branch (Newcastle conference) Sunday, the 7th ult. A program consisting of songs, recitations and a dialogue rendered by the children portraying the restoration of the Gospel was produced in a most creditable manner. President Ezra T. Benson spoke, highly commending the children for the excellent program. The evening meeting was addressed by President Benson and Elder John M. Jones. A vocal duet was rendered by Brother Edwin C. Rowell and Sister Ethelin B. Head.

Sunday, the 7th ult., a conference was held in the Kidderminster branch (Birmingham conference). At a morning session for officers, teachers and the Priesthood, branch problems were discussed and solutions offered. In the afternoon, the Sunday-school, under the direction of Brother William L. Gittings, rendered a pleasing program. Selections from "Songs of Zion" were used as themes for short talks. Those taking part were Leslie and Wallace Dunn, Albert Farlow, Charles Gardner, Normon Dunn, Gladys and Ida Elms, Branch President Robert L. Dunn, Elders E. H. Lloyd, J. T. Buddell and J. E. Tillotson and President Francis R. Kirkham. The evening session was conducted by President Dunn. Elder Tillotson spoke of the influence the Gospel exerts upon the individual, and President Kirkham talked on the value of a testimony of the Gospel.

Sunday, the 7th ult., the semi-annual conference of the Hyde branch (Manchester conference) was held. A pleasing program was rendered by the children in the afternoon session, and President Merrill D. Clayson spoke on the value of Sunday-school work. In the evening meeting, musical selections were given by members of the branch, after which addresses were given by President Clayson, Sister Catherine K. H. Marsh and Elder A. V. Atkinson.

The district meetings of the St. Albans and Watford branches

were held Sunday, the 11th ult., with President Joseph E. Wright, Sister Katherine G. Wright and Elder Emerson C. Willey from London present. In the Sunday-school session, conducted by Branch President William J. Jolliffe of St. Albans, an excellent program was rendered. At a Priesthood meeting, counsel and advice were given by President Wright and Elder Willey. During the evening session, branch conditions were reported by the respective Branch Presidents, Norman Smith and William J. Jolliffe. President Wright and Sister Wright both spoke, encouraging the Saints to be diligent and faithful.

Sunday, the 11th ult., a conference was held by the Nuneaton branch (Birmingham conference). In the Priesthood session, local brethren gave reports and Conference President Francis R. Kirkham followed with valuable instructions. In the Sunday-school session, under the direction of Thomas Nightingale, a pleasing program, dealing with the "Word of Wisdom" was rendered. Elders James Brindley and Alfred Shipman and Branch President William Seckington gave short talks. President Seckington conducted the evening meeting. The speakers were Elders Joseph E. Tillotson and J. Trevor Biddell and President Kirkham.

The semi-annual conference of the Manchester branch (Manchester conference) was held Sunday, the 14th inst. Conference President Merrill D. Clayson presided. During the afternoon session, an interesting program was rendered by members of the Sunday-school and remarks on the Sunday-school were made by President Clayson, Elders Claude P. Heiner and Chancy G. Dockstader, Sisters Florence Robinson and Eda Palmer and Branch President B. W. T. Norman. Over fifty were present at the evening session. Discourses upon the Gospel were given by Sister Catherine K. H. Marsh, Elder Heiner and President Clayson.

DEATH.

WARREN.—Sister Harriet Warren died September 19th at Plymouth (Bristol conference). Deceased was born March 6th, 1883, at Habertonford, Devonshire, and was baptized February 7th, 1908 by Elder James A. Cragun and confirmed by Elder Jessie Pocolk. The funeral was conducted by President John E. Wahlquist at the home of her daughter, Sister E. Gayton in Torquay. Interment took place September 25th in the city cemetery, Torquay.

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